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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: IWE Publication on East German Motor Vehicles

REFERENCE: Informationsbuero West, Informations- und Archivdienst,
Berlin, 1 Oct 59. (Addressed to me by you, thence
copy enclosed.)

1. The information contained in this IWE publication is of great immediate value to me in my current project, as you are probably aware. I thank you very much for speeding it along.

2. Naturally, in a document as detailed and as pertinent as this, a number of questions arise. The immense amount of detail suggests that the source of information had access to official East German files. If so, this enhances the value of the information. The production totals of individual models check out very closely with estimates arrived at by other means, but it would be of some interest to know if these data are compilations by [REDACTED] analysts, or are transcribed from East German 25X6A official records.

3. On page two, the second column of figures at the top - trucks produced in 1958 - totals 16,039, if one ignores the Dieselmotorwagen and H6B. If the 300 Garant buses scheduled to be built in 1958 on Garant truck chassis are also excluded, the total becomes 15,739, which is close to the handbook figure of 15,741. This would indicate that buses, buses built on truck chassis, and the Dieselmotorwagen are not included in the handbook figures for trucks produced in East Germany. Confirmation of this analysis would be of great value to me.

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